

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 895  
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A RESOLUTION relative to the policies of mass transit agencies toward the disabled.

WHEREAS, mass transit provides needed and valuable services across Tennessee to many Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans with disabilities may often depend on mass transit in order to attend to the many needs and responsibilities of their everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, many Tennesseans with disabilities may depend on the timely delivery of transportation services for work, events and medical and other necessary appointments; and

WHEREAS, many Tennesseans are not receiving these transportation services from mass transit in a timely manner or the availability of adequate services has been unduly curtailed; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans with disabilities are entitled to respect and effective customer service in the same manner as all other Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, persons with disabilities are at times afflicted with unduly burdensome applications and other barriers to utilizing mass transit services; and

WHEREAS, the Americans With Disabilities Act calls for nondiscriminatory treatment of persons with disabilities as they are invited to fully participate in our common life together; and

WHEREAS, mass transit services annually receive significant funds appropriated by the General Assembly in the General Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-10-104, authorizes the commissioner of Transportation to conduct investigations into the type and adequacy of services provided by public mass transit systems; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE



CONCURRING, that the commissioner of transportation is requested to study the policies of all public mass transit agencies and other entities receiving public funds for mass transportation systems concerning the use of transit services by the disabled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the commissioner of Transportation shall assess the compliance of such entities with the standards called for by the Americans With Disabilities Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the commissioner of Transportation shall make recommendations for policies and statutes that will enable disabled persons to appropriately utilize mass transit services in their home localities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the commissioner of Transportation shall report on the findings of the study and make any appropriate recommendations to the House State and Local Government Committee and the Senate State and Local Government Committee on or before January 15, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of Transportation.